

HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there have been recurring incidents in recent months of fish-kills involving millions of fish in the Texas Gulf adjacent to Brazoria County; and

WHEREAS, the locale of these fish-kills is in an area of the Texas Gulf most affected by the waste discharges from Dow Chemical Company and other chemical plants discharging wastes into the Brazos River at Freeport; and

WHEREAS, despite expression of public concern about the cause of these fish-kills and despite the possibility that the massive death of Gulf wildlife might be attributable to the discharge of chemical wastes; and

WHEREAS, there are several chemical plants which regularly discharge wastes which ultimately flow into the Gulf yet which have not been required by the Texas Water Quality Board to have permits to discharge waste liquids; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Quality Board permits of Dow Chemical Company have never been amended by the board in the eight years since they were issued; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Water Quality Board to require that the chemical plants have permits and its failure to amend Dow Chemical's permits may have been a contributing factor in the recurring fish-kills; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the House Conservation and Reclamation Committee investigate the reasons for the Texas Water Quality Board's failure to require that all chemical plants in Brazoria County which discharge liquid wastes have permits to do so; and in addition thereto determine why Dow Chemical's permits to discharge up to 3,000,000,000 gallons of waste a day have never been amended, and further cause an investigation into the recurring fish-kills on the coast off Brazoria County to determine the responsibility therefor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Conservation and Reclamation Committee be instructed to report its findings to the House of Representatives during the 62nd session of the Texas Legislature.

H.S.R. 96 By: Caldwell

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Resolution appointing the Conservation and Reclamation Committee to investigate the Texas Water Quality Board's failure to require chemical plants in Brazoria County which discharge liquid waste to have permits to do so and why Dow Chemical Company's permits have never been amended and investigate recurring fish-kill on the Brazoria County coast and to report its findings.

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Resolutions and Interim Activities
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